

BACKGROUND ART INFORMATION

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INVENTOR'S INFORMATION

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	United States Patent No. 5721720 ; Kikuchi et al. ; Dec. 22, 1995												
★	CONCISE EXPLANATION												
	A bit train of a plurality of continuous pixels is compressed according to a new run-length compression scheme.												
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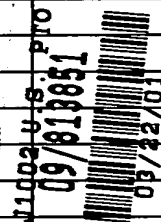
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